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SHEME FOR BALANCED DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to formulate a suitable Plan for balanced development of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): Balanced regional development has always been as essential component of the Indian development strategy. Since not all parts of the country are equally well endowed to take advantage of growth opportunities, and since historical inequalities have not been eliminated, planned intervention is required to ensure that large regional imbalances do not occur. In order to emphasize the importance of ensuring balanced development of all the States, the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan has mandated State wise break down of the broad developmental targets, including targets for growth rates and social development. The State specific targets should take into account the potentialities and constraints present in each State and the scope for improvement in performance given those constraints. The Planning Commission is in the process of formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan in accordance with the commitment made in the Approach Paper.